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SINKING OF PERSIA WILL COMPLICATE DISPUTE

Oriental Liner Carrying Many Passengers Went to Bottom by Submarine and Many Lives Lost—American Consul R. N. McNeely and Charles Grant Also on Board Her—Only Four Boat Loads Saved—Probably 200 Drowned—Washington Officials Amazed

Washington, Jan. 1.—America was face to face today with a new and most serious submarine controversy by reason of the sinking of the English liner Persia by an undersea boat. Coming hot on the heels of virtual settlement of the Ancona case, news of her destruction, with Consul R. N. McNeely of Aden, Arabia, aboard, renewed the tension in official quarters.

From Consul General Skinner at London came word of the Persia's destruction by a submarine as she neared Alexandria, but he reported, contrary to foreign indications, that nearly all were saved.

His message said: "The liner Persia was sunk by a submarine as she was approaching Alexandria. Consul R. N. McNeely (recently appointed to the Aden post and en route to his duties) was a passenger. Nearly all aboard were saved."

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If the attacking vessel was Austrian it is expected that Austria will excuse the incident on the ground that her new orders for conduct of submarine warfare had not yet reached the commander, inasmuch as the incident occurred the day after the Ancona reply was handed to American Ambassador Penfield at Vienna.

Waiting For Details. Secretary Lansing said he would await fuller official advice concerning the Persia before taking any action but in the meantime would make special efforts to learn if McNeely perished.

The state department did not disguise the fact that the news may have tremendous importance as bearing on submarine disputes with the central powers, which had been thought to be practically settled, with receipt of the Austria Ancona note, and with Germany's pledge not to make unwarmed attacks on passenger ships.

If it is proven that the Persia was the victim of an unwarmed attack, state department officials said that the administration would address to the offending nation, a note closer to ultimatum than any thus far sent to Germany or Austria.

One official said that if it developed the liner was not warned, the situation would be graver than any incident since the Lusitania was torpedoed with loss of many American lives.

Officials believe, however, that the nation responsible perhaps even without a protest from America, would quickly disavow the torpedoing, promising reparation and punishment of the commander, unless the Persia was attempting to escape.

They would not entertain the hypothesis that Austria was acting in bad faith and sank the liner, directly after making her Ancona pledges.

FIRST "DRY" ARREST Seattle, Wash., Jan. 1.—The first arrests for violation of the dry law, which went into effect at midnight, was made here at 2:55 o'clock this morning when the owners of the Magnolia bar, Second avenue south, were charged with selling beer. Fred E. Wood, a bartender at the Buffet saloon, on First avenue was arrested at 4:20 a. m. on a similar charge. In each case, the front door was locked at midnight, but according to the officers, revelers inside were supplied with the prohibited wet goods.

PEACE PILGRIMS ARE VIRTUALLY PRISONERS Party Guarded by Police to Prevent Merry Makers Attacking Them

Copenhagen, Jan. 1.—The Ford peace pilgrims were virtually prisoners for several hours last night, guarded by police to prevent New Year's eve merry-makers from attacking them. The party was "interned" following their attendance at a banquet of the Royal Shooting club, after which they were escorted to their hotels.

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CUPID LOAFES IN 1915 According to the records in office of the county clerk, Daniel Cupid failed to keep up his business receipts in the only commodity that has not raised in prices on account of the war as only 349 marriage licenses were issued in Marion county in 1915 while 371 couples assumed the cares of matrimony for better or worse in 1914.

NEW TIA JUANA TRACK TO BE OPENED TODAY Sunshine and Fair Weather for Event in Racing World—Other Sports

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 1.—With a new track settled by recent rain, early morning promises of sunshine and prediction of "fair and cool" weather, everything was in readiness for the opening this afternoon of the new race track of the Lower California Jockey club at Tia Juana, Mexico, just across the international boundary.

It May Be Moran. New Orleans, La., Jan. 1.—Frank Moran, of Pittsburg, will be the opponent of Champion Jess Willard here on March 4 or 6, if he defeats Jim Coffey in their bout at New York January 7.

Lawyer to Be Pitcher. Portland, Ore., Jan. 1.—James Clark, a lawyer of Everett, Wash., today has among his legal papers a contract to pitch for the Portland Coast league.

Denver Held a Wake. Denver, Colo., Jan. 1.—Colonel John Barleycorn, pioneer in these parts, is dead here today from an illness induced by the state-wide prohibition law that went into effect at midnight.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—Excitement prevailed in Chinatown here today over the announcement that Sham Chung Huen, former viceroy of Canton during the reign of the Manchus, has been appointed provisional president of China by the revolutionists.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 1.—The Panama-California International 1916 Exposition is open today. It opened on the stroke of midnight, as the Panama-California 1915 Exposition did.

San Diego was "wide open" for the night. The lid was kicked clear off and forgotten. As a result most of San Diego slept late today—slept at least until the time for the bugle to call the ponies to the barrier at Tia Juana this afternoon.

LAST RITES BUT NO WAKE OVER 'RUMMY' DECEASED

Lack of Stimulants Made His Passing Hours Quiet and Peaceful—In Portland Drunkenness Less Than Usual—Wine Was a Mocker and Booze and Beer Was Limit of Choice—Seattle, Denver and Other Cities Held a Wake, But the "Potheen" Was In Limited Quantities Everywhere

Portland, Or., Jan. 1.—Astride the water wagon, little 1916 rumbled into Oregon with no more fuss than accompanies the usual New Year celebration. With her slate wiped clean of saloons, but ample stores of liquor in every cellar, Oregon awoke this morning and decided prohibition wasn't so awful after all.

The main difference was that the saloons closed an hour early than usual. Thus was a little added solemnity to the ceremony of the locking the doors, a slight disposition to buy big supplies at the last minute and then the crowds poured into the streets and waded through the dry snow which had fallen while they celebrated.

Whiskey Or Beer? "Whiskey or beer?" was the query of bartenders. Nothing else was to be had. By common consent the saloons stopped selling mixed drinks at six o'clock last night.

There was less drunkenness than on previous New Year's eves. Seventy roysterers awoke in the city jail this morning and learned from the jailers that they had been drunk.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 1.—Seattle and the state of Washington, bid goodbye to J. Barleycorn last night in a listless, passionless manner.

Thousands of grievous comrades were with the colonel when the end came at midnight; today their grief partook of the nature of enlarged heads, an overwhelming thirst, and a deep, dark brown taste in the mouth.

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